

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Action against 13 officials (Gazetted and Non-Gazetted) working in the Directorate of Field Publicity under this Ministry (not in the Regional Publicity Directorate as mentioned in the question) was initiated during the last three years for various irregularities/lapses allegedly committed by them.

(b) and (c). A statement showing the details of irregularities and punishment awarded to the erring officials is given below:

STATEMENT**IRREGULARITIES IN FIELD PUBLICITY DIRECTORATE**

Irregularities/lapses committed/allegedly committed by the officials of the Directorate of Field Publicity involve complaints of embezzlement of Government funds, submission of false Leave Travel Concession claim, submission of false medical bills, submission of false Travel Allowance claim/ Daily Allowance claim, false entries in log book, submission of false Daily Coverage Reports, misuse of Government vehicles, lack of devotion to duty, misbehavior with lady employee, false House Rent Allowance claim, unauthorised absence from office, causing pecuniary loss to the Government, irregularities in purchase of furniture and misuse of official position constituting violation of Central Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964. The punishment awarded include withholding of one increment for one year, reduction by two stages in the time scale of pay for a period of two years and recovery of Rs. 5000/—, reduction by five stages in the time scale of pay for a period of five years and recovery of Rs. 5000/—, recovery of the whole amount to leave Travel Conversion claim and forfeiture of L. T. C. facility etc., in cases where action has been concluded. Action in remaining cases will depend upon the outcome of the enquiry.

[English]

Production of Documentaries for Doordarshan

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VAJPAYEE:
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a act the producers are being allowed by the Doordarshan to enhance the cost of documentaries from Rs. 6.3 lakhs to about Rs. 8 lakhs and are also being allowed 30 per cent Oregon sales rights after signing of the contracts;

(b) if so, the policy the Government in this regard;

(c) if not, details of circumstances under which such concessions are being allowed alongwith the name of such producers; and

(d) the effect of these on the earning of the Doordarshan, with details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d). The enhancement of Rs. 1.7 lakh for the programme produced by Ms. Nalita Vachani was agreed to by Doordarshan after taking into account various aspect such as travel cost and other expenditure. The enhancement of budget of a commissioned programme is done by Doordarshan on the basis of variable factors like format, contents, creative involvement and other costs. Similarly sharing of rights, other than telecast right within the country, is negotiated with the Producer by Doordarshan with Doordarshan's Commercial interest in mind. The Programme has been sold for FF 1,15,295 to LA SEPT of France.